

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

May 5, 2005

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President Ron Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Temecula. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Mayor Pro Tem Ron Roberts, Temecula, President	District 5
Councilmember Toni Young, Port Hueneme, 1st Vice President	District 45
Supervisor Gary Ovitt, 2 nd Vice President, San Bernardino County	
Supervisor Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Supervisor Jeff Stone, Riverside County	
Councilmember Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Councilmember Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Mayor Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Councilmember Richard Dixon, Lake Forest	District 13
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway, Newport Beach	District 14
Councilmember Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Councilmember Marilyn Poe, Los Alamitos	District 20
Councilmember Paul Bowlen, Cerritos	District 23
Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Councilmember Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Councilmember Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Councilmember Paul Talbot, Alhambra	District 34
Councilmember Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35
Councilmember Sid Tyler, Pasadena	District 36
Councilmember Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Councilmember Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Councilmember Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Councilmember Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Councilmember Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Councilmember Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59

Councilmember Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach
Councilmember Robin Lowe, Hemet
Councilmember Keith Millhouse, Moorpark

District 64
RCTC
VCTC

Members Not Present

Supervisor Yvonne Burke, LA County, 2 nd Vice President	
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Supervisor Chris Norby, Orange County	
Councilmember Jo Shields, Brawley	District 1
Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
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Councilmember Cathryn De Young, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Councilmember Richard Chavez, Anaheim	District 19
Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Mayor John Beaman, Brea	District 22
Councilmember Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Councilmember Bob Yousefian, Glendale	District 42
Councilmember Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Councilmember Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Councilmember Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Councilmember Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Councilmember Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Councilmember Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Councilmember Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Councilmember Martin Ludlow, Los Angeles	District 57
Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Councilmember Antonio Villariagosa, Los Angeles	District 61
Councilmember Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Councilmember Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Mayor James Hahn, Los Angeles	At-Large

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Copp, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikhrata, Director, Planning & Policy
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Cook), SECONDED (Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Approve Minutes of April 7, 2005

3.1.2 Approval of Contracts

- Champion Services Group
- Fox and Sohagi, LLP

3.1.3 Approve a Request to co-host an International Conference with USC

3.1.4 Approve an RTIP Expedited Project Selection Procedures

3.1.5 Approve an RTIP Amendment Procedures

3.1.6 Approve Preliminary Schedule for the next RTP Update

3.2 Receive & File

3.2.1 State and Federal Legislative Matrix

3.2.2 Purchase Orders between \$5,000 - \$25,000

3.2.3 Summary of Policy Committee actions taken April 7, 2005

4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 Update on Housing & Transportation Issues currently under consideration by the State Legislature

Rusty Selix, Executive Director, CALCOG, briefed the Regional Council on several issues: 1) Transportation Financing and the Governor's "Go California" Proposal; 2) Initiatives affecting Transportation; and 3) Governor's Goods Movement Proposal. In addition he presented CALCOG' Priority Actions for 2005. They are: 1) work with other public and private transportation interest to protect Prop 42 and other transportation funds from being authorized to be diverted to other purposes; 2) together with other California transportation interests, unite California's Congressional Delegation behind the California consensus position of reauthorization of ISTEA/TEA 21 in a manner that preserves the successes of ISTEA and TEA 21 for regional agencies and improves

the funding for California transportation projects and programs; 3) sponsor legislation and seek support from Governor Schwarzenegger to require other state and federal funding to be consistent with regional plans; 4) sponsor or support legislation to insure that planning, programming and monitoring funds are available with reasonable consistency; 5) support or sponsor legislation providing greater flexibility for local agencies to loan local transportation funds to the state to advance projects; 6) work with the League of California Cities and CSAC and other interests to improve state law regarding regional housing needs determinations; and 7) support amendments to the Federal Clean Air Act to clarify that timely implementation of TCM/s applies only to those which have a quantified impact on air quality.

4.2 Appointments

RC District Election Results

Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights, District 31 (**Newly Elected**)

Hon. Keith W. Hanks, Azusa, District 33 (**Newly Elected**)

Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel, District 35 (Re-elected)

Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut, District 37 (Re-elected)

Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona, District 38 (**Newly Elected**)

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

To CEHD

Representing San Gabriel Valley COG

Hon. Dan Kirby, Monrovia

Hon. Mike Ten, South Pasadena

To EEC

Representing San Gabriel Valley COG

Hon. Anthony Portantino, La Canada Flintridge (Re-appointed)

To TCC

Representing San Gabriel Valley COG

Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar, (Re-appointed)

Finance Task Force

Hon. Jeff Stone, Riverside Co., Vice Chair

Maglev Task Force

Hon. Jeff Stone, Riverside Co.

Personnel Committee

Hon. Richard Dixon, Chair

South West Compact TF

Hon. Ray Castillo, El Centro

Water Policy Task Force

Hon. Brian Brennan, Ventura

Dennis LaMoreaux, Palmdale Water District

Compass Partnership

Chair, Bev Perry, SCAG Immediate Past President
Development & Real Estate
Richard Landros, CEO, BIA of Southern California
Randall Lewis, Marketing Director, Lewis Operating Corp.
Larry Gotlieb, KB homes
Don Brackenbush, Principal, Public Private Ventures, LLC
Ehud G. Mouchly, SunCal Companies
Marketing, Finance, Economic Development, Employers
Hilary Norton Orozco, Senior Vice President, Fleishman-Hillard
Robert Scott, Director, CivicCenter Group
Advocates & Education
Katherine Perez, Executive Director, TLUC
Elected Officials, Public Agencies
Allan Wapner, Ontario Council
Beth Krom, Mayor Irvine
Curt Pringle, Mayor Anaheim
Jeff Stone, Supervisor, Riverside
Judith Valles
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4.3 Report on April 28 meeting with the Tribal Governments

President Roberts stated that the meeting held on April 28 was very successful. He noted that representatives from some of the Tribal Governments came to the General Assembly and presented SCAG with resolutions. He felt that this was a good start in coming to together.

It was also noted that a Tribal Governments Task Force would be formed. There was a consensus of the Regional Council that President Roberts should be the chair of this task force due to his ongoing efforts and relationships with the Tribal Governments.

4.4 Regional Council Retreat

President Roberts announced that the June 1 & 2 Retreat will be held at the Pierpont Inn in the City of Ventura.

4.5 Discussion regarding scheduling of the July/ August meetings

Regional Council members discussed the meeting dates for the months of July and August. There was a consensus not to meet in August.

5.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mark Pisano stated that his report was emailed to the members. Due to time he stated that he would answer any questions regarding the report.

6.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

6.1 **Administration Committee Report**

6.1.1 FY 2005-2006 Overall Work Program

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Bone) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to waive reading and adopt Resolution #05-462-2.

6.1.2 Caltrans/SCAG Planning MOU

The Administration Committee recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to execute a MOU Comprehensive Federal Transportation Planning between California Department of Transportation and SCAG.

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.1.3 Cost Recovery Policy

Councilmember Dixon stated that the Audit Committee approved the policy October, 2004. However between the time of the Audit Committee meeting and its presentation to the Regional Council, there were significant comments received. The comments were reviewed and incorporated into the were revised document. The Administration Committee recommended that the revised Cost Recovery Policy be approved.

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Garcia, Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.1.4 Request to Increase Threshold for Contracts

Chair Dixon reported that in order to ensure accurate reporting to the Administrative Committee and Regional Council, a report will continue to be generated and included in the agenda for any procurement \$25,000 or greater. These contracts will be reported to the aforementioned under "Receive & File" as they are now for those contracts between \$5,000 to \$25,000. Any contract over \$250,000 will continue to be approved in advance by the Administrative Committee and Regional Council.

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.2 Transportation & Communication Committee (TCC) Report

6.2.1 State Transportation Legislation

The TCC recommended approval of the Transportation Legislation with the following: 1) Watch & give comments to Assembly Democrats' Transportation Proposal (currently the bill has not been assigned a number); 2) SB 760 (Lowenthal) also watch and give comments; and 3) Support AB 426 (Bogh) regarding HOV.

It was MOVED (Garcia), SECONDED (Washburn) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.3 Community, Economic & Housing Development Committee (CEHD)

6.3.1 Report on Compass Partnership

Compass, with its bottom-up growth visioning process, has ushered in a new level of coordination and integrated planning for the Southland. In implementing the Compass Vision, SCAG has a great opportunity to further enhance relationships with not only the many local governments and other public agencies, but also private sector, including business leaders, professional organizations, educational institutions, and others. This item was presented as an information item.

6.3.2 Report on Housing Summit

It was announced that the Housing Summit was held in downtown Los Angeles on May 6, 2005 was very successful. There were over 250 attendees.

6.4 Communications & Membership Committee

There was no report presented at this time

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.0 Monthly Financial Report

Heather Copp, CFO, reported that SCAG is 222 days debt free and expects to go through the rest of the fiscal year without having to utilize the line-of-credit.

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Washburn requested that a discussion on identifying the use of funding be agendized.

9.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

9.1 Closed Session

- Deanna Wetherbee-Distel et al. vs. Miguel Leon Martin et al.; Southern California Association of Governments; Riverside Transit Agency; Western Municipal Water District- Complaint for Wrongful Death; Case Number: RIC 417340
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation, pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)

No closed session was held on this matter.

- Morrison v. SCAG et al. Superior Court, Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 312066
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a)

A report was provided by Counsel and direction provided with regard to settlement discussions.

- Havens v. SCAG
Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 324931
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a)

No closed session was held on this matter.

10.0 RECOGNITION OF INCOMING PRESIDENT

10.1 Passing of the Gavel

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, outgoing President, presented Councilmember Toni Young, incoming President, with the gavel.

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Washburn reported that the League of California meeting will be held @ 6 p.m. on May 5, 2006. He noted that this was a very important meeting because appointments from Los Angeles County will be announced.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2005 at the Pierpont Inn and Racquet Club.

Mark Pisano, Executive Director